

Of Interest to Every Woman

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The Great Trials of History

Trial of Admiral Byng

"Nothing succeeds like success." is a popular saying, and it is well illustrated in the lives of many great men in the misfortunes and humiliations that have followed unrepentant success. It is a great soldier who receives the plaudits of the world and equally the condemnation if he loses, and not infrequently circumstances militate against his chances to win. This is illustrated in the career of Admiral Byng of the English navy.

Byng was esteemed by the British nation as an especially able seaman and as a brave man, but he was ruined by partisan animosity. He was executed in 1757 for his failure in his attempt to relieve Minorca two years before, but after party fury had subsided and his conduct had been dispassionately examined, his intentions were allowed to have been good, his courage indisputable, and his death the consequence of rancorous misrepresentation of personal dislike.

On the first news of Byng's failure in the Mediterranean he was hurriedly recalled by the ministry. He reached England and was placed on trial in November, 1756, by court-martial. This trial was continued until the following June, when he was convicted of criminal neglect. Lord Anson had appointed Byng to the position as admiral of the fleet in the Mediterranean, and although he was equally responsible with him in the failure, there is nothing to show that Anson did not fully agree with the finding of the court and the justice of the sentence.

Before leaving England, Byng showed that the force he was taking out was inadequate for the service required of him, but his objections were overruled, and he was assured that when he was joined by the ships already in the Mediterranean he would have a force at his disposal equal, if not superior, to that of the enemy. He also complained that his ships were ill-manned and were short of complement.

But in spite of the representations

Byng made to his government, he was compelled to follow orders, and because he failed, he lost his life. The court-martial of Byng was the most celebrated ever held in England. It brought out stirring debates and discussions in the British House of Commons. When the sentence of death was passed by the court-martial this sentence was accompanied by a recommendation to mercy, but it was nevertheless carried out, and Byng was shot on the quarter-deck of the Monarch, on the 14th of March, 1757.

The tragic fate of Byng formed the subject of much discussion at the time, and it has often been discussed since, and many of the English historians have condemned the execution as a judicial murder. Boswell, the brilliant Lord of the Admiralty, was the head of the board that signed Byng's instructions on March 30, 1756. He signed the order for the court-martial on the 14th of December following, and as commander-in-chief of Portsmouth, he signed the immediate order for the execution on the 14th of March.

Byng, as most of the superior officers of the navy, was a member of the House of Commons, and it fell to the lot of Boswell to inform the House on the 23rd of December, "that the King and the Board of Admiralty, being dissatisfied with the conduct of Admiral Byng, he, the said admiral, is now in custody in order to be tried."

There is no doubt that there had been influences at work to throw as much blame as possible on the unfortunate Byng, who, perhaps, he suffered nearly as much from the violent partisanship of his friends. Macaulay, the historian, has asserted that the punishment of the admiral was unjust and absurd. The King refused to commute the sentence, though asked to do so by Pitt.

The conduct of Byng in his last moments confirms no part of the evidence of cowardice with which he was charged, for he was cool, determined



Word comes that stripes will be much used this spring.

dignified and resigned. In answer to this, however, a historian states: "There is a broad distinction between a passive courage in facing death, which is often shown by warlike nations, notably, the Chinese, than that more active form of affronting danger which leads to victory."

But in spite of Byng's misfortune at the time, an immediate posterity honored him as a British admiral, and it was obtained from among the secrets of ministerial intrigue that he was the victim of ministerial cowardice, undeserving of the disgrace of an execution, and obedient to orders which the men in office had not the courage to avow.

The "carelessly careful" Pose. Most of the modern dancing teachers are instructing their pupils in the "carelessly careful" pose in standing. But beware of making a silly grouch of yourself!

NATURE'S FIRST SPRING STIRRINGS

Nature stirred in sleep this year, possibly even before she had her hours of deepest rest, hence winter was able to catch evidences of budding fingers and nip them to nothingness. There was something infinitely pathetic in the way in which these evidences of nature's reawakening were caught in their tenderness and imprisoned in a deadening casing of ice and snow.

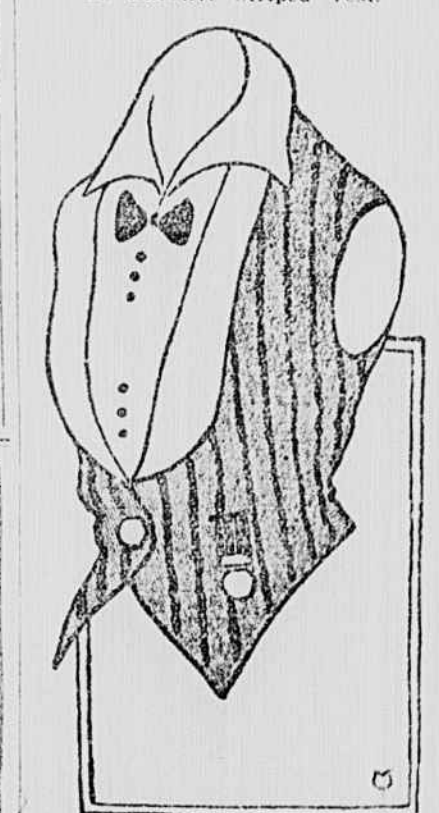
The bees, too, were deceived by the mildness of the winter and were laying as far back as December, an astonishingly early date, seeing that in the average winter they do not begin until the end of January.

The trees will again bud to leaf. The knowledge that spring will not fail, and that winter is making inevitably a losing fight, is enough to give new zest everywhere. Rare days of an unexpected and mysterious fragrance, so delicate and so elusive as to seem more spiritual than material, may be looked for at any time now. They come before all other signs—before the winter flocks begin to separate, before the snowdrops' white and green perfection is discovered in some secluded spot, before the sharp point of closely-folded bulb leaves turns aside a knob of mold and braves the latest snow, and long before the twin of elm and hawthorn have lost their winter sheen and hardness and begin to look a little soft and swollen as the new loveliness within draws near to birth.

There are perhaps no other days in all the year that are so wonderful as these. The wonder springs from no outward and visible sign, but pervades the whole world. The fields know it, and change their expression, the blue sky and the broken clouds reflect it. It comes down the wind, it rises from the earth, it is in the least and faintest of the earliest buds—no creature exists that does not feel the thrill of reawakening nature.

Almost imperceptibly the countryside has begun to take on that aspect of delicious refreshment which precedes the bursting of the earliest leaf sheaths. When the light snow has melted, the fields seem to have more color and to be less bent and matted. About the roadside bands

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the mold is crumbled and soft, as if prepared by some unseen gardener for the thick growth of herbage so soon to begin. There is an air of expectancy about nature. When the first warm wind from the southwest has taken the snap of winter out of the atmosphere, we shall see miracles of growth, heralded by choruses of delighted birds, and sweetened by the blimbling fragrance of tender green plants and of incomparable wild flowers.

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Strawberry Short-Cake.
Prepare the dough as for baking powder about, but use a little more flour and the yeast of an egg, enough flour to roll very lightly. Spread half a pound of butter and add the other half. Set in the oven until well baked and thoroughly leavened. Separate in running a large knife through where the each crust. Place the butter plentifully on an earthen plate or dining plate, cover thickly with a quart of strawberries. The fruit has been previously prepared with sugar by the method on the left. If there is any juice left, pour it around the cake. This makes a delicious short-cake.

KING TRIED TO CRUSH FALSE PRETENSIONS

Issued Order That Official Roll of Baronets Should Be Prepared.

BY LA MARQUISE DE PONTENAY.

BRITISH peers as a class are not so much inclined to inebriety, as one might be tempted to imagine from his familiar phrase, "drunk as a lord." Nor are all baronets reprobates, although the English play-wright, who usually selects a wicked baronet for the villain of his drama, has done much to convey this widespread impression. The "wicked baronet" is bad enough in all conscience. To make matters worse, there are a number of baronets, many of whom refer to this side of the Atlantic in support of their pretensions, until the object of putting an end to this abuse, King Edward, only a few weeks before his death, issued a warrant, bearing the royal sign-manual, not at the bottom, but at the top of the document, directing that an official roll of baronets be prepared, and that the King, in the office of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, that it should be drawn up by the end of the year, and that the roll be submitted to the sovereign once each year and published annually in the Official Gazette of London, Edinburgh and Dublin. In fact, the roll of no baronet should figure on the roll who had not been able to prove his right to the title, and that in case of any question of conflict, that the matter should be referred, first of all, to the Privy Council, and then to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

King Edward hoped by this means to put out of existence the bogus baronets, that is to say, to crush the pretensions of those making use of this title, and to give a more dignified and official character to the roll, and who, according to Burke, De Witt and other standard authorities, were a number of hundred.

Edward VII's excellent intentions have, however, been frustrated by the House of Lords, which, in the House of Commons, is proving as dismal a failure in its present office as he was when First Lord of the Admiralty. In fact, the Secretary McKenna has practically given official encouragement to the usurpation of the title.

The first publication of the roll of baronets appeared in the supplement of the Official Gazette of London, Edinburgh and Dublin, on February 20, 1913. But the preamble of the list may be said to deprive it of all value. For it merely states that the roll is to be prepared by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, that "a wide discretion should be allowed, so that all who can show descent from a baronet, or who should be enrolled, such good title consisting of unchallenged use of the title for several generations, although doubts may be entertained respecting the descent, or even the creation, of the dignity."

It is likewise stated that it was never contemplated that the committee should exact "strict proof of his rights to the title from every person claiming to be a baronet."

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, by whose orders and at whose instance the publication of the roll of baronets is now made, endeavors to save himself by the concluding clause of the preamble, which is to the effect that "members in the roll does not give, or purport to give, an indefeasible title to the persons enrolled," and that the roll has not the authority of a legal decision.

Be Beautiful



"Every one is susceptible to the influence of flowers," says Margaret Vale, President Wilson's niece.

Perfumes of Flowers as Soothers of Nerves.

BY ABIGAIL MOORE.

There is a very close affiliation between the organ of smell and the center of thought and emotion, so the idea that nerve rest is to be found in the inhalation of the perfume of certain flowers and aromatic plants, herbs and barks is not at all far-fetched.

Perfumes have had a part in the pharmacopoeia ever since the extraction of odors has been a known art. By a clever and beautiful young actress, Margaret Vale, who is a niece of President Wilson, by the way, has, after much experimenting, come to the conclusion that health and beauty are to be gained from the flowers themselves and the inhaling of their perfume.

This is what she says: "Just as there is a harmony of color and a harmony of sounds, so there is a harmony of odors that has the same soothing effect upon nerves as has the music of a piano. But—and here is where Miss Vale's idea differs from the perfume-makers—she believes that this harmony has already been struck in the natural flower, that nature has in each separate blossom, by a mystic chemistry, made a perfect blend, so that it is in the inhalation of the perfume from the flower itself that remedial effects are to be obtained.

For a sick headache, for instance, she recommends that the sufferer inhale the fragrance of roses, particularly those of more delicate scent, as the tea rose. This seems to act, she says, as a counteractant to nausea. For nervousness, she suggests the rosehip poppy. Where the system is generally debilitated, Lily of the valley, inhaled at intervals during the day, will act like a tonic. For a nervous headache, violets are recommended. "Bury your face in a bunch of them," she says, "and the headache will steal away from you unawares."

Similarly, for mental stimulus, there are, of course, pansies for thoughts, and there is rosemary for remembrance, and sweet peas and mignonette, which have a refreshing effect upon the brain. Every one knows the strengthening effect of breathing in the odors of pine, spruce and hemlock.

There is a wonderfully recuperative effect in the inhalation of spicy odors—those of the clove pink, jasmine, bergamot and orange flowers, and certain roses like the cinnamon and true wild rose.

Tuberose, magnolia, and similarly heavily scented flowers have a depressing effect, and should be avoided by all but those of the happiest disposition.

Just how far Miss Vale's idea is practicable I leave you individually to determine, but it has basis enough to warrant being accepted with seriousness.

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